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WHEREAS, The baton twirling movement has affected the lives of American girls and boys, and now has nearly one million active participants; and,

WHEREAS, Baton twirling has been instrumental in building the confidence and character of these young people, and has provided guidance and training so that they might become better qualified citizens; and.

WHEREAS, The art of baton twirling is today the second largest nationwide beneficial youth movement for girls; and,

WHEREAS, Baton twirling plays an important part in children's hospitals as a unique and effective method of physical therapy;

and,

WHEREAS, Baton twirlers lend so much color and inspiration to our community celebrations, parades, school events and other activities; and,

WHEREAS, Champion twirlers from all of the United States will gather at the University of Notre Dame in August to conduct a colorful youth pageant called "America's Youth on Parade":

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of July 27, to August 2, 1975, as

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and do urge our citizens to support the colorful and beneficial youth movement of baton twirling, which is of such importance to the youth of our State and to youth everywhere.

> IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 16th day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Pive

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE